

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Armagh

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Mass Times
St Patrick's Cathedral
 Monday - Saturday: 10am
 Sunday Vigil: 6.30pm
 Sunday: 11am, 12.30pm & 5.30pm
St Malachy's Church
 Tuesday - Friday: 8am
 Mon, Wed & Fri: 7:30pm
 Tues & Thurs: Prayer Service - 7:30pm
 Sunday: 8am & 9.30am
Church of the Immaculate Conception
 Saturday: 7:30pm
St Colmcille's Church
 Sunday: 10am
Confessions in St Malachy's Church on Saturdays @ 12 noon.

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SVP Helpline: 07733 482604

Dear Friends,
 Lord, to whom shall we go to? this is the question that Peter asks Jesus in today's Gospel and indeed it is a question that we might all ask in our own lives. We know that Jesus is our salvation and our hope - that all life comes from God and through God comes our promise of eternal life. Many of us do spend a lot of time focused on the material things of this world rather than looking towards the things that truly endure and that sustain and give us life.
 Each of us know that God is good - innately we are focused on our creator, however we all receive the gift of free will which enables us to follow God or to walk other paths - thank God most of us have returned to the way of the Lord and are able to show gratitude for the blessings and little miracles that we receive every day.
 Like in the Gospel many of us 'complain' about the Church and her teachings and there are some who don't believe - the important thing is to engage with the questions that we have - what don't we believe? why does the Church teach what it teaches? by whose authority is the faith transmitted? We really need to actively engage with our Church and the teachings - there are many online resources as well as books and pamphlets however if you have a question please feel free to ask myself or any of the Priests of the parish and we will do our best to respond to your question.

Wishing you a blessed week,
Fr Barry Matthews Adm.

Anniversaries & Month's Mind Masses should be left in the Parish Office no later than 12noon on the Thursday of the week before the anniversary is due to be remembered, this includes Saturday Anniversaries. Anniversaries are read out at all Masses on weekday and one Sunday Mass. Months Minds will be remembered at the 12:30pm Mass on Sunday following the Months Mind. We request that you leave your anniversary in as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop The Cathedral Gift Shop is open each day from 10.30am - 1.30pm and it stocks a wide variety of cards and gifts for special occasions, including traditional Irish crafts and gifts and souvenir booklets on the Cathedral.

St Patrick's Prayer Guild Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards Our new range of Mass Bouquets and Mass Cards are now available in the Cathedral Shop and in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church after Masses. The 10am Mass each Saturday in the Cathedral is dedicated to St Patrick's intercession and the intentions for these Mass Cards/Bouquets will all be included in this weekly Mass.

Mass Cards and Mass Bouquets are also available before and after Mass in the Sacristy of St Malachy's Church

Visitation Anyone wishing to receive a visit from a Priest or have a house blessing are invited to leave their name, address, postcode and phone number in the Parish Office. Anyone who is aware of a family member, friend or neighbour who is housebound are invited to let the Parish Office know to ensure those most in need are attended to. Family Members are reminded to ensure that their loved ones in Hospital are seen by the Hospital Chaplain on duty and that they receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Office The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 26th August and will reopen at 10am on Tuesday 27th August.

Weekly Collection
 £5725 & €203.70

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for: Fr Raymond O'Connell, OSM, John Kearney, Jean Breen, Margaret Murphy, Catriona White, Elizabeth Loughran, Eugene O'Hagan and Eileen Loughran,

MONTHS MIND

We pray for: Damien McConville (26th) and Una Donnelly (28th)

May they rest in peace.



The Fundraising Campaign A special word of thanks to all those who contributed to the fundraising appeal so far. We are still a long way off our target and are appealing once again for your support. The Cathedral stands tall as an icon of hope for us at home and many who have moved away from our city. Let us work together to ensure we can hand on this magnificent building to the next generations. Please do spread the word. Become a 'Friend' or 'Benefactor' of the Cathedral by making a donation or signing up to a direct payment. Feel free to speak to Fr Barry about this worthwhile cause.

Parish Buildings Over the summer months we can see an increase in anti-social behaviour and unauthorised access to some parish properties. We encourage parishioners to remain vigilant and if you see any suspicious activity please let us or the PSNI know.

Adoration Please consider spending an hour with the Lord each week. Our Eucharistic Adoration takes place each day in St Malachy's Church from after Mass (8:30am weekdays) until evening (7pm weekdays - 5pm weekend). Please sign the attendance sheet in the Church & encourage family and friends to engage with this special apostolate.



St Patrick's Cathedral Rosary Group invite you to join them in reciting the Holy Rosary each morning (Monday- Saturday) before 10am Holy Mass, beginning at 9.30am. Those unable to attend can listen online. All welcome.



Prayer for Vocations O Jesus, send labourers into your fields, which are awaiting holy apostles, saintly priests, heroic missionaries and dedicated sisters and brothers. Enkindle in the hearts of men and women the spark of a vocation. Grant that Christian families may desire to give your Church, helpers in the work of tomorrow. Amen.

Legion of Mary welcome new members to join our Junior (7-11yo's) and Intermediate (12- 17yo's) groups on Mondays in SVP Centre, 1-5 Chapel Lane, Armagh. We pray the Rosary, learn more about our Faith, make new friends and become more involved in Church life. More Information can be found on the Parish website. For more info contact Denise: 07856172206

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Tullysaran Works have unfortunately been delayed due to a bereavement. We hope for them to begin soon.

Congratulations to all our young people who received their GCSE results this week. We are very proud of you!

Prayer for the New School Year

Lord, you make all things new,
 you bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be renewed. Thank you for this New Year and for all the potential that it holds. Help us in all that we do. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time,
 many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name.
 Amen.

Fundraiser Armagh's Charity Fundraiser and avid cyclist Willie Nugent is planning to cycle from St Patrick's Grave in Downpatrick to St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh to raise funds for the Cathedral's 150th anniversary appeal on Wednesday 18th September. If you would like to support Willie's cycle you can leave a donation in the Parish Office or donate to the GoFundMe by scanning this QR code. Even a small donation could help Willie Nugent reach his fundraising goal. And if you can't donate, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.



What is Apostolic Work?

Apostolic Work started in Belfast in 1923 to help Missionary Priests and Nuns in their Missionary Work. This is done by:

- Prayer
- Supplying Sacred Vessels, Vestments etc. (everything a priest needs to say Mass)
- Providing essential help for food, water, medicine etc.



In 1939 Cardinal MacRory introduced Apostolic Work to Armagh. Margaret Colgan, the first President, spread this work throughout the Archdiocese - later it flourished throughout Ireland. Thankfully 85 years later it continues here, due to the generosity of time and money given by the people of Armagh and Armagh Archdiocese.

Some people think it's just a group of ladies who sew and knit, it is more than that! Requests come into our office, 13 College St, constantly and many Missionaries call in person.

The needs vary. One priest writes "Whilst excited in setting up a new Mission, sober reality sets in. We turn to the only Association which can supply Mass kits, Chalices, Ciboria, Monstrances, Crucifixes, Sick Call sets, pyx...etc - and for free."

An Armagh nun writes, "The children, women and men are existing on eating grass and drinking dirty water in this famine area in Ethiopia. Can you help?" Of course we can help, but only because of you, our faithful members!

Can you enable us to continue? All help goes immediately to these Missionaries with little cost. Last year 80 Missionaries were helped in Ghana, Peru, Mexico, Zambia, Kenya, Malawi, Pakistan, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Brazil, Myanmar and Philippines. We would welcome Active or Honorary Members, experience sewers and knitters on Wednesdays 2-4pm in 13 College St.

Donations can be given to any member of Apostolic Work or to 13 College St. Direct Debit & Gift Aid Forms, also available. Our Church Door collection will take place on Saturday 31st August at 6:30pm Mass and Sunday 1st September at all Masses. Please support our Missionaries. All enquiries to 02837522781 or 07857863603.

Armagh Parish Holy Spirit Prayer Group welcome you to join us at the Synod Hall on Tuesday evenings from 8-9.30pm to experience spiritual growth and community. Rosary at 7.45pm. Next meeting on Tuesday 2nd September.

Westenders Community Barbeque on Sunday 1st Sept 1pm-4pm at Sherry's Field Community Centre. Adult £7 & Child £4. Tickets can be purchased from West Armagh Consortium Office or by calling Siobhan 07763067589

Holy Spirit Prayer of Saint Augustine

(Feast Day - Wednesday 28th August)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
 That my thoughts may all be holy.
 Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
 That my work, too, may be holy.
 Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
 That I love but what is holy.
 Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
 To defend all that is holy.
 Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
 That I always may be holy.
 Amen

